Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An exhaust gas control catalyst, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a base material;

a catalyst supporting layer which is formed on a surface of the base material and which supports noble metal and a NO_x storage material; and

a lower layer which is formed at a portion that is in the base material and that is below the catalyst supporting layer, and which supports a NO_x storage material, wherein

a concentration of the NO_x storage material supported by the lower layer is higher than a concentration of the NO_x storage material which is supported by the catalyst supporting layer.

2. (Currently Amended) A manufacturing method of an exhaust gas control catalyst, comprising:

forming a layer which supports a NO_x storage material in advance in a base material at a surface portion; and

forming a catalyst supporting layer which supports noble metal and a NO_x storage material on a surface of the lower layer ~~which includes a base material; a catalyst supporting layer which is formed on a surface of the base material and which supports noble metal and a NO_x storage material; and a lower layer which is formed at a portion that is in the base material and that is below the catalyst supporting layer, and which supports a NO_x storage material, characterized in that~~

~~the catalyst supporting layer is formed on a surface of the lower layer which supports the NO_x storage material in advance~~.

3. (Original) The manufacturing method of the exhaust gas control catalyst according to claim 2, wherein

a concentration of the NO_x storage material supported by the lower layer is higher than a concentration of the NO_x storage material which is supported by the catalyst supporting layer.